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## USDA OFFICIALS MAKE STOP AT RIVERDALE

*North Central Rural Water Consortium receives USDA funds for water system.*

**Riverdale, September 20, 2004.** . . Shane Goettle, chief of staff for the Office of the Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, today joined USDA Rural Development State Director, for North Dakota, Clare Carlson, in a check presentation to North Central Rural Water Consortium, located in Minot, North Dakota.

The check for \$1,454,500 represents a water loan which is administered through USDA Rural Development's Utilities Program.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be here today to make this check presentation to North Central Rural Water Consortium," Goettle said. "This is another example of the commitment that President George Bush and the Bush Administration have to the future of rural America."

The funds will be used to construct a water distribution system to provide water to the community of Pick City, the Corps of Engineers, Lake Sakakawea State Park, and some 140 rural users located in Mercer and McLean Counties. The new source of water will be purchased from the city of Riverdale.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,854,500 with additional funding to include \$300,000 from the Corps of Engineers and \$100,000 from Lake Sakakawea State Park.

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. Its mission is to deliver programs that will support increased economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. It administers financial and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development and critical community and technology infrastructure.

In Fiscal Year 2003, USDA Rural Development provided over \$73.5 million dollars in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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